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Newsletter

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Thanks

... to those parents who took the time to express their appreciation of our support staff this week.

... to those parents who transported the senior students to their community service events last week.

... and again, to Katherine Watson for helping out with Monday lunches.

People of the week

... our team coaches and managers for the superb work you do every week to prepare our teams for their Saturday games. Not the easiest of jobs .. we feel very well served. Thank you for your efforts.

... candidates in our Internationals Schools English Exam for a great start to the preparation phase. Many students did their requisite practice papers last week and returned this week for more. Our year 5 students are leading the way here. Well done!

... Players of the Day - Netball #3 team - Lisa Marie N; Hockey - MiniSticks Blue - Rose F.

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

19 June	BoT Meeting
20 June	Preparation for ICAS Maths competition starts
22 June	Choir practice at Hurupaki School
26 June	WGHS visit to speak with year 7 & 8 students
27 June	Matariki Celebration
3 / 4 July	Parent / teacher interviews
7 July	The Beast BOI Run with Year 7 & 8s
7 July	Final day of term 2

Mid-year interviews

Please keep some time free on the afternoons of 3 and 4 July for mid-year interviews. These will be booked online as in earlier years. An access code will be sent home to all families next week.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 3 and 4 July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days - the exception to this is the Kamo bus will still depart school at 4pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

See saw ... digital portfolios

Parents will have access to their child's work from 23 June. Those needing assistance to access their child's portfolio are invited to contact Mr Schuster.

Items in previous newsletters (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Upper carpark	Bus bay	First day 2018
Contributions and activity fees	Scooters on bus	School photos
Headlice inspections	Scooters at school	Naming of fidgets
Cambridge Programme 2018	School Gates	40 km speed limit passing school
Drink Bottles	Newsletters by email	Please bring digital devices to school

Science Fair – Year 7 and 8

Science Fair exhibits will need to be completed and assembled in the hall for judging by 28 June. If parents have any questions in the interim please feel free to contact Mrs Donaldson or Mr LeBreton.

Exhibits will be on public display during week 10 from Monday 3 July to Wednesday 5 July. Parents are encouraged to show an interest by visiting the hall on any of these days. These dates coincide with interview nights and so we hope that as many parents as possible will drop by before, after or between interviews to take a look.

Matariki

On 27 June children and teachers will be celebrating Matariki (the Maori New Year). They will be involved in a variety of cultural activities culminating in a performance by our kapa haka group at 2:40. Parents of children in the kapa haka group will have received a letter this week requesting assistance with dress items, thank you for your support with this. Parents are warmly invited to attend the 2:40 performance and so perhaps pencil this in.



International Schools Competitions

Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available next week. We will also meet with these students to discuss test technique and help to get them up and running. Any questions along the way, about either the English or Maths Competitions, should be directed to the office please.

A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 1 August ... Mathematics - 15 August.

Confirmation of Secondary School

Next week parents of year 8 children will receive a form asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2018. **Please return your form by 3 July.** This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach information and enrolment time. As mentioned in earlier correspondence, it is fine, at this stage to identify more than one possible option.

Absences

Please contact the school office before 8:45am if your child will be absent from school (leave a message on the school answer phone or email admin@matarau.school.nz). Please state the reason for non-attendance as this data is required by the Ministry of Education.

Lost Property

The lost property is located in the corridor by Room 11. Shoes can be found on the white shelving and the blue bins have been replaced with clothes racks. This corridor is generally open from 8am - 4.00pm. Please feel free to check anytime. I hope this system is quicker and easier for everyone to go through and find missing clothing. Any lost property left over at the end of the each term is donated to charity.

School Fleeces

We have a limited number (sizes 4-12) of navy polar fleeces (with a half zip) which have the Matarau logo embroidered on the front right. These are for sale for \$40 each. We can personalise these with a child's name across the back for an extra \$10 each. If you would like to order one please send in your money in a named envelope with your child's size & the name to be embroidered (if applicable) before Friday 30 June. If you would like an unnamed fleece this can be collected from the school office at time of payment. Remember only a limited stock, so these won't last long.

Finally

Over recent weeks we have been administering a survey to measure student wellness under the primary areas of our Mission Statement ... to be valued, to know self, to make choices and to enjoy school. Students were asked 12 questions in each area, and graded their responses on a scale of 1 to 5 (strongly disagree to

strongly agree). The data will be used to indicate areas where we might improve, as well as identify children who might need extra support. This week we will share the responses to the "Being Valued" part of the survey. Percentage responses are rounded and then averaged at the bottom of the table. It is encouraging to see that an overall positive weighting (agree to strongly agree) of 83% across this portion of the survey. "Knowing self" responses will be shared next week.

Questions	Strongly Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree
I have a wide circle of friends	5%	8%	22%	25%	40%
I am an important member of my class	10%	17%	28%	23%	22%
People tell me when I do something well	4%	12%	24%	29%	31%
The teachers care about how I feel	1%	6%	17%	35%	40%
Other children care about how I feel	6%	17%	24%	29%	24%
The teachers listen to my ideas	1%	10%	23%	27%	39%
Other children listen to my ideas	12%	19%	24%	32%	13%
The teachers help when I have a problem	1%	6%	14%	28%	51%
My friends help when I have a problem	3%	10%	15%	24%	48%
The older children help when I have a problem	21%	22%	17%	21%	19%
My teachers like me just as I am	5%	7%	15%	26%	47%
My friends like me just as I am	5%	7%	5%	20%	64%
Average % response	6%	12%	19%	27%	37%

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Relief Milker Wanted - on a casual but regular basis, Must have experience. Located at Apotu Road, Kauri. Ph Ange 021 027 86928

Lambs available soon - If anyone is looking for an orphan lamb to raise please contact Kris 021 293 3052 to be on her list of people interested. Note that calf club lambs need to be born after 1 July 2017.

Multicultural Whangarei - 71 Bank Street. Ph 430 0571 for more info. Some upcoming events:

- Japanese Morning Tea Wednesday 28 June at 10:30 am
- Shared Lunch Friday 30 June at 12 pm
- English Classes every Tuesday & Friday Morning

Creating Financially Independent Kids seminar - 7.00pm 23 June Whg Boys High School, Kent Rd. Aimed at parents who want to better understand the financial challenges facing our kids; create financially independent kids & increase the odds of their financial success. \$30 per person. For more info visit <https://hannahmcqueen.com/>

School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pies, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Rolls (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

The School Council would like to share this letter with you.

June 4th, 2017

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In Appreciation,

On behalf of the Whangarei Art Museum Trust I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your recent generous Unconditional Donation for the **Hundertwasser Art Centre** with Wairau Maori Art Gallery.

The Hundertwasser Art Centre will provide Whangarei, Northland and New Zealand with not only a significant and internationally recognised addition to our arts and culture sector but also a major catalyst for much needed growth in the region.

Since the referendum in mid 2015 this has been a community lead project and will only come to be if the members of our community show individual leadership as you have done by donating. I would ask you to speak to your friends and associates to encourage them to do the same.

There is a large team of volunteers working tirelessly to bring this project to the community.

We all, with you, share the same vision, and look forward to the opening day

Thank You,

Grant Faber
Chairman,
For The Whangarei Art Museum Trust

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